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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/27/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat No 6,349,410 issued to Lortz.

Claim 1:

Lortz discloses a system for facilitating access to meta-information simultaneous with receipt of content material, comprising a controller that is configured to: store a reentry point corresponding to an index to the content material corresponding to an initiation of access to the meta-information, and facilitate a subsequent receipt of the content material corresponding to the reentry point [Fig 2, steps 44 and 54]

Claim 2:

Lortz discloses wherein the controller is further configured to initiate a recording of the content material at the initiation of access to the meta-information [Fig 2, step 44]

Claim 3:

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Lortz discloses wherein the controller is further configured to initiate playout of the recording of the content material upon termination of access to the meta-information [Fig 2, step 54].

Claim 4:

Lortz discloses a recording device that is configured to effect the recording of the content material [Fig 2, step 44].

Claim 5:

Lortz discloses wherein the controller is further configured to initiate access to the meta-information [Fig 2, step 40].

Claim 6:

Lortz discloses a rendering device that is configured to effect rendering of at least one of the content material and the meta-information [Fig 1, 22].

Claim 7:

Lortz discloses an Internet access device that is configured to access the meta-information [Fig 2, step 44]

Claim 8:

Lortz discloses a recording device that is configured to effect a recording of the content material [Fig 1, 20].

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Claim 9:

Lortz discloses wherein the controller is coupled to a network, and, via commands that are communicated over the network, effects at least one of: the receipt of the request to access the meta-information, and a recording of the content material [Figs 1 and 2].

Claim 11:

Lortz discloses wherein the controller is further configured to store access information based on the meta-information, to facilitate a subsequent access to information corresponding to the access information [Figs 1 and 2]

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lortz.

Claim 10:

Lortz discloses the elements of claim 1 as noted above but does not disclose wherein the meta-information facilitates a purchase of one or more items associated with the content material. Official Notice is taken that purchase of one or more items associated with the content material is well-known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary

skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lortz to include purchase of one or more items associated with the content material for the purpose of providing a user with a convenient method of purchasing an item which is being featured on a TV program.

Claims 12-23 can be similarly rejected as claims 1-11.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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